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OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM

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1. AMB. MOYNIHAN MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN EXPLANATION OF US  
VOTES DURING AUGUST 11 UNSC DEBATE ON THE MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATIONS OF THE TWO VIETNAMS:

BEGIN TEXT

MR PRESIDENT, IN A HAPPY DISPLAY OF UNANIMITY TODAY I  
AM ONLY THE MOST RECENT REPRESENTATIVE TO EXPRESS TO YOU  
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ASCENDANCY TO THE IMPORTANT AND DISTINGUISHED  
POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND GRATITUDE FOR THE  
THE DISTINCTION WITH WHICH YOU HAVE CARRIED FORTH THESE DIFFICULT  
DUTIES IN THIS PRESENT AFFAIR AND ALSO I SHOULD LIKE TO JOIN  
WITH MY PREDECESSORS WITH THIS RESPECT IN EXPRESSING OUR ADMIR-  
ATION BORDERING AT TIMES ON AWE AT THE DURABILITY AND  
ENERGY AND FLEXIBILITY OF YOUR PREDECESSORS, AMBASSADOR  
PLAJA AND AMBASSADOR CAVGLIERI.

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MR PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES TODAY HAS, FOR THE FIRST TIME,

VETOED THE ADMISSION OF A NEW MEMBER TO THE UNITED NATIONS. THE VETO WAS REPEATED A SECOND TIME. THIS IS AN ACTION MY COUNTRY HOPED IT WOULD NEVER TAKE. AS FAR BACK AS 1948, IN A RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY SENATOR ARTHUR H. VANDENBURG, WHO HAD SERVED AS A UNITED

STATES DELEGATE TO THE FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE UNITED STATES SENATE SPECIALLY CALLED ON OUR EXECUTIVE TO FORSWEAR OUR USE OF THE VETO IN ALL QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

IN 1949 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH UNDERTOOK TO DO JUST THAT. AND SO IT IS NO SMALL MATTER FOR US THAT WE HAVE FELT FORCED TO BREAK WITH OUR PRACTICE OF THIRTY YEARS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND, POSSIBLY, PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS ELSEWHERE, WILL DESIRE AN EXPLANATION.

THIS IS NOT DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE. IF OUR SPECIFIC ACTIONS TODAY ARE AT VARIANCE WITH THIRTY YEARS' PRACTICE, WE NONE-THELESS CONTINUE TO ACT IN SUPPORT OF THE SAME PRINCIPLE, THAT OF UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS. WHAT HAS CHANGED IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT IF THE UNITED STATES ACTS IN AN OPEN AND ACCEPTING MANNER AS APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP COME BEFORE US, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL MIGHT DO SO AS WELL. I BELIEVE IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT WE DID NOT CHANGE THIS JUDGMENT PRECIPITIOUSLY. IN TRUTH, AN IMPARTIAL OBSERVER MIGHT WONDER THAT OUR PRACTICE PERSISTED THROUGH A QUARTER CENTURY OF VETOES BY OTHERS.

WHAT IN THE END CHANGED OUR MIND WAS THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 1834TH MEETING ON AUGUST 6, 1975. IT BECAME ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT ON THAT OCCASION THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, FAR FROM BEING PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP, WAS DENYING TO ONE APPLICANT EVEN THE RIGHT TO HAVE ITS CASE CONSIDERED. NEVER BEFORE HAS THE COUNCIL GONE SO FAR AS TO REFUSE EVEN TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF AN ENTITY SO WIDELY REGARDED AS A STATE AS TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER OF NUMEROUS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND ALSO ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN THE PAST TO HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP BY A CLEAR MAJORITY OF THIS SAME SECURITY COUNCIL.

IT MAY BE RECALLED WHAT I SAID, SPEAKING FOR MY  
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GOVERNMENT, ON AUGUST 6. I SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD MADE CLEAR THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO VOTE FOR THE ADMISSION OF EACH AND ALL OF THE THREE APPLICANTS.  
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